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SUBJECT: Debriefing

On 10 January 1952, I was debriefed by Training representatives Hanson, House, Marchand etc. on the ZIPPER stay-behind project. The discussion was general in nature and no sensitive operational details were divulged.

The following elements of the SATURN program were discussed:

SATURN Hqs. and Field Organization:

The organization of the ZIPPER SATURN Hqs. and field staffs was outlined. Training reps particularly interested in the type and calibre of field staff personnel, their security and qualifications. Isolation of the SATURN project from other elements of ZIPPER discussed including general statement on the SATURN cover firm (SUEDECHNIK) its legalization and problem of maintenance of dummy books, contracts, plant setup etc.

STORCH

Progress in the development of STORCH outlined. Of particular interest to Training was the selection of targets (they apparently had not seen the recent STORCH target study), the improvement of quality of coverage through ~~xxxx~~ agent association with KPD or KPD affiliates. Training reps made following suggestions:

1. In instructing teams on when they should begin operations should distinguish between three phases of post-hostilities period, immediate phase of confusion when probably little of value to report, intermediate phase of growing CI and police controls when certain transport observations might be valuable and the long range phase of stabilization when penetrations should be activated. ^FPointed out that

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this originally included in STORCH planning but apparently abandoned in later devel. Complicated problem of determining which agents might be risked in immediate or intermediate phases, targets to be covered in each phase and changes in operational and target instructions. Probably such fine distinctions impossible and unrealistic. Better solution might be to allow for flexibility in instructions regarding first contact with base station, permitting Hqs. to change instructions via W/T after hostilities break out.

2. Asked what contribution the ZIPPER CI/CE shop had made in reviewing operations from their viewpoint and supplying CI training material and security instructions. (Will check.)

3. Suggested that agents be instructed in the necessity reporting important operational data. Replied that ZIPPER emphasizing reporting of timely positive intelligence but agreed that agents might at least be made aware of possibility reporting op info. This ~~problem~~ requirement also could be met by special requests via W/T after the "E" case.

4. Asked what attempts had been made to draw together experiences of other ZIPPERites who might have engaged such ops last war. (Out side of ZEPPELIN report, not aware of any formal effort. Will check)

BURIALS

Current status reviewed. No special problems.

DROPS

Discussed in some detail, Training ~~shop~~ shares ZIPPER opinion single drops impractical. Believes reception team at least 4-6 people necessary in any case. Recommend separating reception operations from storage. (Will discuss with ZIP)

STUETZPUNKTE

The ZIPPER plan to establish support or safe-houses in each of the five STORCH areas was discussed. Training reps urged keeping this separate from any E and E ops which may develop as well as possibly divorcing this type op from air drop reception. Suggested use of neutral bank deposits, cover firms, accomodation addresses. (Will discuss ZIP)

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a recording of the debriefing
was made and will be forwarded
to EE/ZIP for sanitizing before
use or release.